

IT'S TIME TO...

REIMAGINE LIPA

PSEG Has Got to Go!

After Tropical Storm Isaias, a group of ratepayers and organizations began campaigning to get the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to terminate its contract with PSEG-LI and finally end the failed public-private model for our utility. That storm resulted in 645,000 LIPA customers without power for, on average, more than 2-7 days. We know that PSEG lied about its preparedness for the storm, its immediate response to it, and the number of upgrades it made afterwards.

Our vision is that LIPA becomes a publicly owned, not-for-profit electric utility that is locally controlled. Private utilities such as PSEG-LI are eliminated. LIPA is restructured with an elected governing board directly accountable to the ratepayers, has a fairer rate structure, ends shutoffs for low-income customers, invests its revenues locally, and upgrades the grid to make it more reliable, renewable, and resilient.

Over the past two years, we have built a network of supporters through the Reimagine LIPA campaign. We have mobilized ratepayers to speak at LIPA Board meetings, held forums on the benefits of public power, organized rallies, and published pieces in multiple media outlets.

Then, in the 2022-23 NYS budget we passed legislation and secured funding for a legislative commission responsible for developing the roadmap to a restructured LIPA. This commission marks the end of decades of disastrous public-private partnerships in the management of our electric utility. Along with \$2 million to fund its work, the commission is blazing a path towards a truly public utility.

Our work is to ensure this process leads to a LIPA that is led by and accountable to those most impacted by decisions concerning our energy system on Long Island and in the Rockaways: ratepayers, union workers, municipalities, community organizations, low-income households and environmental justice communities. We need you in this fight.

THE LIPA COMMISSION



Advisory Committee

The Commission is made up of 8 members of the NY state legislature, including reps from the service area of LIPA (Nassau, Suffolk, and the Rockaways). It is examining how LIPA Board members are chosen; how to make the utility more transparent, accountable, and reliable with more public involvement; how LIPA should be regulated by outside entities; how to best meet our renewable energy goals; how to address issues of environmental justice in our communities, and other relevant issues needed to establish a fully public power model for LIPA.

The Commission chose an Advisory Committee to assist in developing the plans for a restructured LIPA. It consists of fifteen members which include representatives of organizations and institutions representing business, labor, local government, Indigenous Nations, economic development, environmental, energy, social justice, consumer, civic, and schools.

COMMISSION TIMELINE

November/December, 2022:

The commission held public hearings with a public comment period in Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens County on the establishment of public power.

Beginning September, 2023:

The commission will hold at least one public hearing with a public comment period in Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens County on the draft report before issuing a final report.

January-June, 2024:

During either the NYS budget or legislative session, the NYS legislature will pass the required legislation to transition LIPA to a fully public utility.

April, 2023:

The commission issued a draft report to the members of the legislature regarding the establishment of a public power model for the Long Island Power Authority.

November, 2023:

The commission will issue a final report to the members of the legislature regarding the establishment of a public power model for the Long Island Power Authority. The report will provide any legislation required to implement the public power model.

By December 31st, 2025:

Implementation of the public power model by LIPA.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:

Long Island Progressive Coalition; All Our Energy; Alliance for a Green Economy; Bay Shore Babylon Women's Huddle; Climate Reality Project, Long Island Chapter; Cooperation Long Island; Environmental Action Coalition; Food & Water Action; Four Directions Mutual Aid; Green Party of Nassau County; HUMuS: Huntington Mobilization for Sustainability; Long Island Activists; Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives; Long Island Metro Business Action (LIMBA); LINC: Long Island Network for Change; Mothers Out Front Long Island Team; NAACP Freeport-Roosevelt Youth; Nassau County Democratic Socialists of America; Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club; New York Communities for Change; NOW: National Organization for Women, Suffolk Chapter; NY02 Indivisible; NYPAN/PEER: Progressive East End Reformers; NY Renews; OLA of Eastern Long Island; Peak Power LI; People's Climate Movement-NY; Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic; Rockaway Women For Progress; Shinnecock Grave Protection Warrior Society; Sierra Club; South Country Peace Group, Inc.; S.T.R.O.N.G Youth, Inc.; Suffolk County Democratic Socialists of America; Suffolk Progressives; Sunrise Long Island; Sustainability Department of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood; Together We Will LI; Transition Town Port Washington; Warriors of the Sunrise.



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